Bank has reported that there are no Benami accounts and no complaint has been registered in this regard.

2456. [*Transferred to 23rd August, 1984*].

Setting up of a factory by M/s. Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Ltd.

2457. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys Limited (IMFA), Therubali, District Koraput, were issued an industrial licence for setting up their 100 per cent EOU at Rayagada but they have instead established their 100 per cent EOU at Therubali adjacent to their existing domestic unit;

(b) whether the firm has unauthorisedly diverted duty-free imported raw materials from their 100 per cent EOU to the adjacent domestic unit, taking advantage of changed location;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Customs and Central Excise authorities have not verified the industrial licence as is required in the case of 100 per cent EOU; and

(d) if so, whether Government have since cancelled or propose to cancel their industrial licence and manufacturing activities besides confiscation of stock manufactured in unauthorised premises; and what penal action Government propose to take against the firm for such violations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that M/s. Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd. were issued an Industrial licence by the Ministry of Industry for setting up one 100 per cent. Export Oriented Unit at Rayagada, Distt. Koraput. The firm have, however, set up the Unit at Therubali, also in Rayagada, adjacent to their existing domestic units.

(b) Carbon electrode paste 125 drums 53.757 M.T. low ash metallurgical coke 1,000 M.T., and chrome ore 600 M.T. were diverted out of their 100 per cent export-oriented unit for use in the indigenous unit. For such diversions customs duty of Rs. 3,32, 316.19 and Rs. 1,49,602.20 has been realised on chrome ore and carbon paste respectively. Demand for Rs. 7,23,505.64 has been raised towards customs duty on low Ash Mettalurgical coke.

(c) No, Sir. The Customs and Central Excise authorities have examined the Industrial Licence and letter of intent.

(d) The irregularities committed by the Unit are being enquired into for necessary action by the administrative Ministry without prejudice to any action as warranted under the Customs Act, 1962 and the Central Excise & Salt Act, 1944.

Press reports captioned "Five Star Corruption" and "the case for and against I.T.D.C."

2458. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items which appeared in "The Week" dated the 22nd—28th April and the 17th—23rd June, 1984, captioned 'Five Star Corruption' and 'The case for and against I.T.D.C.';

(b) if so, whether any departmental inquiry has been conducted into the various charges of irregularities levelled against the I.T.D.C.; and

(c) if not, what steps Government propose to take to curb such irregularities in the I.T.D.C?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The ITDC Management has decided to investigate departmentally all cases involving charges of irregularities in consultation with CBI and Central Vigilance Commission, where necessary.

Import of 'Electronic Cats' for accurate weather forecasting

2459. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether Government are aware that inspite the INSAT the weather forecasting in Delhi is not very reliable; and if so, whether Government propose to import 'Electronic Cats' for accurate weather forecasting in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): INSAT observes large scale cloud patterns. Hence, its utility for local forecasting is limited. Local weather forecasting in Delhi has, however, been reasonably correct to the extent of 86 per cent. No equipment by the name of "Electronic Cat" is known for weather forecasting.

बिना उपयुक्त मंजूरी के यूनियन के एक नेता को हाउस बिल्डिंग एडवांस का भुगतान किया जाना

2460. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार** : क्या **पर्यटन और नागर विमानन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नागर विमानन विभाग ने कई अधिकारियों की मिली-भगत से यूनियन के एक नेता के नाम में 1981 में बिना उपयुक्त मंजूरी आदि के 37,500 रुपये का हाउस बिल्डिंग एडवांस लिया था ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उत्तरदायी अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा किए जाने का विचार है ताकि भविष्य में ऐसे मामले न हों ?

पर्यटन और नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुरशीद आलम खान) : (क) जी, नहीं। सन 1981 में 37,500 रुपये के कुल गृह निर्माण अग्रिम में से पहली किस्त के रूप में 15,000 रुपये आहरण किए गए तथा एक कर्मचारी को दिए गए जो यूनियन का नेता भी है। यह राशि सक्षम प्राधिकारी की स्वीकृति से तथा नियमों के अनुसार मकान के निर्धारित रेहननामे के दस्तावेज प्रस्तुत करने और पंजीकृत करवाने के बाद ही दी गयी थी।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं है।

Alleged irregularities committed by ITDC Manager (Western Region)

2461. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present ITDC Manager (Western Region) was in charge of Duty Free Shop Section some-time back and that he was placed under suspension due to serious charges of corruption and irregularities against him;

(b) if so, what were the charges framed against him:

(c) whether any departmental/ CBI/Vigilance inquiry was conducted against him; and

(d) if so, what action was taken against him on the basis of the inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (d)